

\$750,000 Alysheba presented by Sentient Jet (Grade II)

22nd Running – Friday, May 2, 2025 (Spring Meet – Kentucky Oaks Day)
4-Year-Olds & Up at 1 1/16 Miles on Dirt at Churchill Downs
Track & Stakes Record – 1:40.66, Fierceness (2025)

Name Origin: The event is named for the talented 1987 Kentucky Derby winner Alysheba, who returned to the Downs in 1988 to win the Breeders’ Cup Classic. His victory marked the first time a Derby winner had returned to Churchill to win a stakes since Whirlaway took the 1942 Clark Handicap. Alysheba was later honored at the track that fall as he retired as the sport’s leading money earner with \$6,679,242. The race was upgraded to Grade II status for the 2012 renewal.

Year (Race No.) Dis. (Starters)	Winner (Age/Sex) Owner(s)	Jockey (Weight) Trainer	Second Third	Time (Condition) Odds (Margin)	Sire Bred (Color)	Gross Purse-Gr. Winner's Share-#
2025-May 2 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Fierceness (4c)* <small>Derrick Smith, Rapide Stable, Michael Tabor & Mrs. John Maurer</small>	John Velazquez (118) Todd Pletcher	Most Wanted Hall of Fame	TR-1:40.66 (fast) 0.94-1 (1 ½ lengths)	City of Light Kentucky (B.)	\$750,000-Gr. II \$458,970—22
2024-May 3 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	First Mission (4c)* Godolphin LLC	Florent Geroux (118) Brad Cox	T O Saint Denis-JPN Il Miracolo	1:42.03 (sloppy) 1.07-1 (4 lengths)	Street Sense Kentucky (Dk B or Br.)	\$730,000-Gr. II \$450,910—21
2023-May 5 (5th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Smile Happy (4c) Lucky Seven Stable	Brian Hernandez Jr. (118) Kenny McPeck	Art Collector West Will Power*	1:41.29 (fast) 7.74-1 (2 lengths)	Runhappy Kentucky (Dk B or Br.)	\$600,000-Gr. II \$368,280—20
2022-May 6 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	Olympiad (4c)* <small>Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stable LLC & LNJ Foxwoods</small>	Junior Alvarado (120) Bill Mott	Happy Saver Title Ready	1:41.60 (fast) 0.90-1 (2 ½ lengths)	Speightstown Kentucky (B.)	\$500,000-Gr. II \$303,800—19
2021-April 30 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	Maxfield (4c)* Godolphin LLC	Jose Ortiz (120) Brendan Walsh	Visitant Chess Chief	1:41.39 (fast) 0.50-1 (3 ¼ lengths)	Street Sense Kentucky (Dk B or Br.)	\$400,000-Gr. II \$245,520—18
2020-Sept 4 (10th) 1 1/16 Miles (6)	By My Standards (4c) Allied Racing Stable LLC	Gabriel Saez (123) Bret Calhoun	Owendale Silver Dust	1:42.24 (fast) 1.50-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Goldencents Kentucky (B.)	\$400,000-Gr. II \$245,520—17
2019-May 3 (7th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	McKinzie (4c)* <small>Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson & Paul Weitman</small>	Mike Smith (118) Bob Baffert	Tom’s d’Etat Seeking the Soul	1:41.10 (good) 0.70-1 (4 ¼ lengths)	Street Sense Kentucky (B.)	\$400,000-Gr. II \$240,560—16
2018-May 4 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	Backyard Heaven (4c) Ken & Sarah Ramsey	Irad Ortiz Jr. (118) Chad Brown	Hawaakom Good Samaritan	1:41.73 (fast) 2.20-1 (4 ½ lengths)	Tizway Kentucky (Dk B or Br.)	\$400,000-Gr. II \$243,040—15
2017-May 5 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (10)	Bird Song (4c) Marylou Whitney Stables LLC	Julien Leparoux (118) Ian Wilkes	Honorable Duty International Star	1:44.34 (sloppy) 6.60-1 (1 ½ lengths)	Unbridled’s Song Kentucky (Gr or Ro.)	\$400,000-Gr. II \$235,600—14
2016-May 6 (9th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	Majestic Harbor (8h) Gallant Stable	Corey Lanerie (118) Paul McGee	Eagle Majestic Affair	1:43.10 (fast) 13.40-1 (2 ½ lengths)	Rockport Harbor Kentucky (B.)	\$400,000-Gr. II \$240,560—13
2015-May 1 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (9)	Protonico (4c)* Sumaya U.S. Stable	John Velazquez (120) Todd Pletcher	Noble Bird Neck ‘n Neck	1:42.34 (fast) 1.40-1 (head)	Giant’s Causeway Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$400,000-Gr. II \$238,080—12
2014-May 2 (10th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	Moonshine Mullin (6h) Randy Patterson	Calvin Borel (118) Randy Morse	Golden Ticket Coin Broker	1:42.83 (fast) 6.90-1 (1/2 length)	Albert the Great Kentucky (B.)	\$342,000-Gr. II \$205,679—11
2013-May 3 (9th) 1 1/16 Miles (9)	Take Charge Indy (4c) <small>WinStar Farm LLC & Chuck and Maribeth Sandford LLC</small>	Rosie Napravnik (118) Pat Byrne	Hymn Book Bourbon Courage	1:41.41 (fast) 2.80-1 (6 lengths)	A.P. Indy Kentucky (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$339,900-Gr. II \$202,309—10
2012-May 4 (9th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	Successful Dan (6g) Morton Fink	Julien Leparoux (118) Charlie Lopresti	Fort Larned Mucho Macho Man*	TR-1:41.04 (fast) 4.10-1 (1 length)	Successful Appeal Kentucky (B.)	\$337,800-Gr. II \$203,153—9
2011-May 6 (9th) 1 1/16 Miles (9)	First Dude (4c) Donald Dizney	Martin Garcia (117) Bob Baffert	Regal Ransom Equestrio	1:42.56 (fast) 3.60-1 (nose)	Stephen Got Even Florida (B.)	\$358,500-Gr. III \$213,380—8
2010-April 30 (9th) 1 1/16 Miles (9)	Arson Squad (7g) Jay Em Ess Stable	Paco Lopez (122) Richard Dutrow Jr.	Flying Private Enriched	1:43.28 (fast) 3.90-1 (2 ¼ lengths)	Brahms Pennsylvania (Dk. B. or Br.)	\$169,650-Gr. III \$100,976—7
2009-May 1 (9th) 1 1/16 Miles (9)	Bullsbay (5h) <small>Mitchell Ranch LLC, Frank Lewkowicz & Joe Rice</small>	Jeremy Rose (118) Graham Motion	Cool Coal Man Star Guitar	1:44.29 (fast) 3.20-1 (3/4 lengths)	Tiznow Kentucky (B.)	\$170,400-Gr. III \$101,422—6
2008-May 2 (8th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	Giant Gizmo (4c) Stronach Stables	Rafael Bejarano (118) Bobby Frankel	Better Than Bonds Wanderin Boy*	1:43.96 (sloppy) 5.30-1 (3 ¾ lengths)	Giant’s Causeway Kentucky (Ch.)	\$166,050-Gr. III \$100,896—5
2007-May 4 (4th) 1 1/16 Miles (7)	Wanderin Boy (6h) Arthur Hancock III	Corey Nakatani (124) Nick Zito	Half Ours* Student Council	1:43.45 (sloppy) 2.90-1 (4 ¼ lengths)	Seeking the Gold Kentucky (Ch.)	\$112,300-Gr. III \$68,236—4
2006-May 5 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	Gouldings Green (5h)* Melnky Racing Stables Inc.	Corey Lanerie (118) Tony Reinstedler	Wild Desert Andromeda’s Hero	1:42.37 (fast) 1.50-1 (head)	Charismatic Kentucky (Ch.)	\$114,500 \$68,861—3
2005-May 6 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	Limehouse (4c)* Dogwood Stable	John Velazquez (117) Todd Pletcher	Skipaslew Missme	1:42.32 (fast) 1.00-1 (1 ¾ lengths)	Grand Slam Florida (Ch.)	\$112,900 \$69,998—2
2004-Apr 30 (6th) 1 1/16 Miles (8)	Congrats (4c) Claiborne Farm & Adele Dilschneider	John Velazquez (116) Shug McGaughey III	Perfect Drift* Kodema	1:44.31 (sloppy) 3.80-1 (1 ¾ lengths)	A.P. Indy Kentucky (B.)	\$113,600 \$70,432—1

*-Favorite

Most Wins, Jockey:	4, John Velazquez (2004-05, '15, '25)
Most Wins, Trainer:	3, Todd Pletcher (2005, '15, '25)
Most Wins, Owner:	2, Godolphin (2021, '24)
Most Wins, Horse:	no horse with more than one win
Most Starts:	3, Prom Shoes (2008-10)
High \$2 Win:	\$28.80, Majestic Harbor (2016)
Low \$2 Win:	\$3.00, Maxfield (2021)
Largest Win Margin:	6 lengths, Take Charge Indy (2013)
Smallest Win Margin:	nose, First Dude (2011)
Largest Field Size:	10 (2017)
Smallest Field Size:	6 (2020-21, '23, '25)
Oldest Winner:	8-years-old, Majestic Harbor (2016)
Youngest Winner:	4-years-old
Favorites Record:	22-8-2-3 (Win=36.4%, ITM=59.1%)
Favorites who finished off-the-board:	McKinzie (4 th in 2020 at 1.30-1); Always Dreaming (5 th in 2018 at 1.90-1); American Freedom (4 th in 2017 at 1.50-1); Noble Bird (8 th in 2016 at 2.20-1); Will Take Charge (6 th in 2014 at 0.60-1); Cyber Secret (2 nd but DQ'd to 8 th in 2013 at 2.50-1); Mission Impazible (7 th in 2011 at 2.90-1); Cool Coal Man (6 th in 2010 at 3.10-1); Macho Again (6 th in 2009 at 2.80-1)
Fastest Splits – ¼-mile:	:22.96, T O Saint Denis-JPN (2024)
Fastest Splits – ½-mile:	:46.23, With Distinction (2005)
Fastest Splits – ¾-mile:	1:10.45, T O Saint Denis-JPN (2024)
Disqualifications:	Cyber Secret (2013, 2 nd to 8 th)
Off-tracks:	Sloppy (2004, 07-08, '17, '24); Good (2019)